

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING JUNE 3, 2003

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met June 3, 2003, by published call in the county board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island.

CALL TO ORDER- The meeting was called to order Chairman Pamela Lancaster

INVOCATION - Invocation was given by Chairman Pamela Lancaster.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison

ROLL CALL – Present on roll call were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Dick Hartman, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster and Robert Rye. Also present were County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz and news media representatives from the *Grand Island Independent* and KRGI.

CONSENT AGENDA – Arnold made a motion and Rye seconded to approve the following by consent agenda –

1. Accept and place on file the minutes of the May 20th meeting
2. 13 a Approve Resolution #03-0035 for pledged collateral for Platte Valley State Bank in the amount of \$500,000.00
3. 13b Approve Resolution #03-0036 for exchange of collateral for Home Federal Savings & Loan
4. Accept and place on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
5. Accept and place on file communications as received
6. Approve the bi-weekly pay claims

Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

PLEDGED COLLATERAL

RESOLUTION # _____ - _____

Whereas the, _____ is

Desirous of pledging as collateral for County Funds now on deposit in said bank

in the amount of \$ _____

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Hall County Board of Supervisors that on behalf of the County of Hall, they do hereby approve the collateral as listed for County funds now on deposit in said bank.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, _____

Resolution moved by _____

Seconded by _____

VOTE:

Scott Arnold	For ____; Against ____; Abstained ____; Not Present ____.
Jim Eriksen	For ____; Against ____; Abstained ____; Not Present ____.
Richard Hartman	For ____; Against ____; Abstained ____; Not Present ____.
Bob Humiston	For ____; Against ____; Abstained ____; Not Present ____.
William P. Jeffries	For ____; Against ____; Abstained ____; Not Present ____.
Pamela Lancaster	For ____; Against ____; Abstained ____; Not Present ____.
Robert Rye	For ____; Against ____; Abstained ____; Not Present ____.

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Pamela Lancaster, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

Marla J. Conley, Hall County Clerk

**ADDITIONAL
PLEGDED COLLATERAL**

RESOLUTION # _____ - _____

Whereas, _____ has

Is desirous of pledging as **ADDITIONAL** collateral for County Funds now on deposit in said
bank _____

in the amount of \$ _____

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Hall County Board of Supervisors that on
Behalf of the County of Hall, they do hereby approve the **ADDITIONAL** collateral of the

Adopted this _____ day of _____, _____

Resolution moved by _____

Seconded by _____

VOTE:

Scott Arnold	For____; Against____; Abstained____; Not Present____.
Jim Eriksen	For____; Against____; Abstained____; Not Present____.
Richard Hartman	For____; Against____; Abstained____; Not Present____.
Bob Humiston	For____; Against____; Abstained____; Not Present____.
William P. Jeffries	For____; Against____; Abstained____; Not Present____.
Pamela Lancaster	For____; Against____; Abstained____; Not Present____.
Robert Rye	For____; Against____; Abstained____; Not Present____.

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COUNTY ATTORNEY – 2a EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NEGOTIATION STRATEGY RELATIVE TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE – County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz was present and stated that he and Bob Rye met with the city concerning the contract. He requested an executive session for further discussion. Rye made a motion and Jeffries seconded to go into executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

9:10 a.m. executive session

9:43 a.m. Humiston made a motion and Eriksen seconded to go out of executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

2b APPROVE CLAIM FOR \$50,064.41 FOR KRANZ PROPERTY – County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz stated that these funds will be required for the purchase price for the Kranz property. Arnold made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the claim for \$50,064.41 for the closing on the purchase of the Kranz property. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and Hartman voted no. Motion carried.

2c DISCUSS THE REQUEST OF KRANZ TO REMOVE FIXTURES FROM 233 AND 235 SOUTH LOCUST – County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz stated that he received a letter from the realtor requesting to remove the fixtures listed in the letter from the Kranz property. They know that the county want's to demolish the property and they would like to remove some items. Janulewicz stated that he has some reservation on this request and does not know what the value of the fixtures would be. Jerry told Mr. Huston that he would relay this information to the county board and get back to him. They have owned this property for 60 years and these items would only be of some value to the owners. Arnold questioned if this would need to be done before the county takes possession and Janulewicz stated that it would because after that the county owns the property. Discussion was held and the board expressed concern on the removal of the cement pillars. Janulewicz stated that the pillars would be structural and there was concern on the safety of the structure if these were removed. Jeffries made a motion and Hartman seconded to allow the previous owners to remove the fixtures. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and Hartman voted no. Motion carried

2d APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR REZONING AT CAAP – Janulewicz stated that he has a corrected resolution for the rezoning at CAAP. He corrected some wording and added the information concerning the public hearing that was held two weeks ago. Eriksen made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve Resolution #03-0037 approve an amendment to the Hall County Zoning Map change the zoning at the Cornhusker Army Ammunition Plant. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and Hartman voted no. Motion carried

9:45 A.M. HALL COUNTY HOTEL OWNERS PRESENTATION REGARDING LB726 – Ronda Saalfeld was present representing the Hall County Hotel Owners Association she stated that LB726 was introduced and it will make changes to LB 499 that was passed in 1980. LB 499 allows a county with a population of more than 300,000 to adopt a resolution establishing a County Visitors Improvement Fund after a public hearing. LB 726 will eliminate the population requirement so it could be implemented in Hall County. The City of Grand Island adopted Ordinance 856 that collects an additional 2% tax that is to be used for the events center and this ordinance has a sunset clause until 2025. If the county decided to implement LB 726 and collect an additional 2% on top of the current rate it would put Hall County hotels out of the bidding market. The hotel owners would be opposed to doing this.

Arnold stated that this could only be implemented after a public hearing. He questioned if the city could rescind their ordinance then the county could impose this countywide increase of 2%. The hotel owners are not opposed to the 2% city tax they are just opposed to an additional 2%.

Jeffries stated that the bill has passed but there would have to be a public hearing and someone would have to request that this would be implemented. He questioned if the county could work with the city on this. If the County does not have a public hearing nothing will change.

Hartman questioned how many motels there were outside of the city of Grand Island and it was clarified that there are three. Lancaster stated that the 2% increase would be used for an improvement fund that could be used for construction or promotion. If the County were to impose this additional percentage it would make Hall County's tax higher. Larry Huwaldt with Midtown Holiday Inn stated that Hall County rate is at 11½ % because Hall County has a hospitality tax that will fund the events center.

Lancaster stated that this item does not require action but the county needs to support the hotel owners association. Hartman questioned why Senator Aguilar would support this bill.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Chairman Lancaster called for public participation and Louise Miller, 1104 West Charles requested to speak. She expressed concern on the signs that are posted in the Courthouse that are in different languages. If people are on county business they need to know our language. She also asked if the board could reschedule the executive session at another time because of public participation. Everyone has to wait until they are done.

7 ASSESSOR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION DISCUSS AND APPROVE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION FORMS – Eriksen stated that the assessor committee met to address the procedure for the protest process. The county board suggested using a checklist to make sure all of the issues are addressed. Eriksen made a motion and Hartman seconded to approve the forms. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and one voted no. Motion carried.

5 APPROVE RESOLUTION TO OPEN CERTAIN ROADS AT CAAP - Jeffries stated that this was discussed with Dan Hostler County Surveyor and it would open 90th Road, 80th Road, Stolley Park Road, 13th Street and Capital Avenue as indicated on the map. Hostler stated that some of the roads are asphalt and some are gravel and are standard maintenance roads. Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to Approve Resolution #03-0038 opening certain roads located in the former Cornhusker Army Ammunition Plant. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none stated on. Motion carried.

8 SET TIME FOR FORMAL HEARINGS FOR BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS – The formal hearing for the board of equalization meetings are set for July 14, 15 and 16 and the times need to be set. Discussion was held. Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to set the time as follows:

July 14	10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
July 15	1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
July 16	10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none stated on. Motion carried.

9 DISCUSS AND APPROVE AIR SERVICE TASK FORCE STATEMENT – Lancaster stated that the air service task force was set up to work on improve air service to the Hall County Airport. Some of the members were Doyle Hulme, Harold Rosenkotter, Jay Vavricek, Pamela Lancaster, Virgil Eihusen, Wayne Sasge, Kim Cauldwell, Gary Hedman, Jeff Kelly, Curtis Griess, Bill Stovall, Ed O'Boyle, Gary Rossacker, Mike Toukan and Mike Gloor. The group talked to airlines and they wanted the county to come to them with what the priorities would be. She read the following statement:

1. Preferred air service as provided from the Central Nebraska Regional Airport must include flights traveling both east and west. Westbound nonstop service to Denver is preferred. Eastbound nonstop to Omaha is preferred, however optional service while not the first choice, could be provided through Kansas City or St. Louis.
2. The preferred aircraft servicing these flights would be regional jets.
3. Airfares must be reasonable and/or co-shared with other airlines servicing both east and westbound connections.
4. Schedules must include a minimum of two flights both East and West daily
5. The airline selected must be financially stable, have a credible safety record, a history of quality customer service, and have a recorded history of reliable on-time departures and arrivals.

Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to support this air service development statement. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none stated on. Motion carried.

6 10:30 A.M. MIDLAND AREA AGENCY ON AGING BUDGET REQUEST – Carla Kocher executive director of MAAA and Lois Stienke with Senior Citizens were present. Ms Kocher thanked Pam, Scott and Bob Rye for serving on the MAAA Board. She also introduced Kathy Marvel who is doing a two-week internship with their agency. The Mission of Midland Area Agency on Aging is to help older adults to remain independent. MAAA services eight counties with 25,000 over 60 adults. They are asking for support for the program again this year and the request is the same. The membership fee is \$6,161.00 and the funding request is \$17,250.00 for this fiscal year with a total of \$23,411.00.

Hartman made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the funding request for Midland Area Agency on Aging for \$23,400.00. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none stated on. Motion carried.

The services that the counties receive are well worth the financial support. Arnold stated that a large part of the function of the agency is to save money and keep people independent.

10 AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN DRUG COURT REQUEST FOR CRIME COMMISSION GRANT – Connie Hultine, drug court coordinator was present. She stated that this is the third year for the crime commission grant for drug court and this will be the last year for the funding for the director. Ms. Hultine stated that in this grant they are requesting a drug-testing technician. The drug testing has to be observed and the technician would do this instead of the supervisors. The board questioned if a local agency or the health department could do this and Ms. Hultine stated that she could check with them. She is requesting the board to approve the application and authorize the chair to sign it.

Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to authorize the chair to sign the grant application. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none stated on. Motion carried.

11 DISCUSSION REGARDING SPACE FOR HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – Eriksen stated that the long-range planning committee met and discussion was held on the plan to vacate the Pine Street building that houses Health and Human Services. They want to determine what their long range plans maybe and review the timetable and agree on how to move forward.

Jeffries stated that this building could be used for storage space if it is vacated. The police and sheriff's department are in need of space to store evidence and it could be used for this. The proposed long-range plan is to use the space for parking. Arnold stated that if space were emptied it would be filled. Eriksen stated that HHS is not actively looking for space at this time.

12 APPROVE BID SPECS AND SET BID OPENING FOR PARK CAMPSITE PROJECT – Jeffries stated that the park committee met yesterday and Jeff Palik, county engineer has been working of the specifications for the project. He has drawing of the proposed project and the committee approved the proposal yesterday. It would need to be advertised for three weeks and then set the bid opening date.

Jeff worked with Chuck Kaufman to minimize the loss of campsite and prevent crowding. Mr. Palik showed a map of the project. He stated there will be 19 camper stalls and two-pull through stalls and there will be seven parking stalls for towed vehicles. There will be a road constructed on the top of the levy and they will loose a couple of threes from the back fill. They will only loose three camping stalls. They attempted to place the stalls so there would be trees between each of the pads and some of the smaller trees will be transplanted to areas were the older trees were lost. Jeff stated the pads would be 40 fee long. He said the estimated cost of the project should be between \$75,000.00 to \$130,000.00.

Chuck Kaufman stated that they hope to get the work done by September so it will be ready for next spring. Kaufman added that the underground sprinklers and electrical costs are also included in the estimates. The costs for the project will be covered by the money received from NRD. The board thanked Chuck and Jeff for there work on the project

Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to approve the bid specifications and set the bid opening for July 1st at 10:00 a.m. with bids to be received by Monday June 30, 2003 at 5:00. a.m. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none stated on. Motion carried.

BOARD ASSISTANT Board Assistant Stacey Ruzicka reminded the board members of the multicultural meeting for Bob Rye to attend the computer meeting Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. and she requested that the board members have the evaluation back by June 12.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS – Hartman – no report

Humiston – no report

Eriksen – He stated he attended the safety meeting and the Memorial Day Services at the Veterans Park. He also attended the assessor committee meeting and the long range-planning meeting. The Health Board opened the bids for the remodeling of the Drisbachs building and they will take formal action at the next meeting. They received bids from five contractors and Lacy Construction had the low bid at \$324,000.00.

Rye – no report

Jeffries – He stated that the criminal justice committee met and he distributed information on the law enforcement contracts with the villages. These new contracts will expire at the same time and the cost per hour is set the same. The contracts were presented to the villages and they have all approved them. Some of the contracts are lower because they will provide space to install a medial tower on the city water towers and the villages were allowed credit for this. Some of the contracts have reduced hours sot they are lower. Sheriff Watson will be at the June 17th board meeting to present this information.

Jeffries reported that the park committee met and they have two full time people that are on medical leave and they have hired one temporary part-time person that was budgeted for but they may need to hire another temporary part-time person to cover.

Jeffries stated that the veterans committee also met and he reported that Sherman County veterans receive more money per veteran for disabilities than any other county in the State. Hall and Howard Counties are also in the top four along with Sherman County.

Arnold – He stated he attended an ADA meeting and they discussed the money that they have left in the budget. They had anticipated spending funds for Mid Plains and for the county park but did not have to do this so the committee made and approved a motion to transfer these additional funds to the equipment and improvement reserve fund for the ADA expenses for the Kranz property. He also reported that the building and grounds committee met and they are looking for benches to replace the old theater seats in the courtroom. They also discussed purchasing new mowers for the park and building and grounds and are getting quotes on them.

He stated that the juvenile committee met and the new juvenile services plan should be completed soon. It needs to be submitted to the state by the end of June. They have also applied for additional grant funds for a Spanish speaking person to assist the juvenile diversion office. Troy Chandler completed this grant and it would not require any additional matching funds because of our current grant.

Lancaster noted that we can make English as the official language but we still need to communicate. She stated that she and Jerry Janulewicz met with some foreign visitors and provided them with some information on government issues.

NEW OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Chairman Lancaster called for new or unfinished business.

Arnold reported on information received from the Public Defender that a new public defender has been hired and he will be taking his bar exams in July.

Lancaster stated that Hall County would be using Workforce Development for their labor needs.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. The next meeting will be June 17, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk